REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-21 were pending. Portions of the drawings and specification were objected.

Claims 1-21 were rejected. In this response, no claim has been canceled. Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11, 13-14, 16-18, and 20-21 have been amended. New claims 22-32 have been added. Thus, claims 1-32 remain pending. Portions of the drawings and specification have been amended. Formal drawings have been submitted. No new matter has been added.

Claim 17 is objected to because of the informalities. Claims 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. In view of the foregoing amendments, the objections have been overcome.

Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over article entitled "An Overview of JPEG-2000", by Marcellin et al. ("Marcellin") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2003/0110299 by Larsson et al ("Larsson"). Marcellin includes at least one common author as an inventor in the present application. Applicant hereby reserves the right to swear behind Marcellin in the subsequent prosecution of the present application.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-17 include limitations that are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references. Specifically, independent claim 1 as amended recites as follows:

1.   A method comprising:
     determining a portion of a codestream to edit;
     decoding the portion of the codestream;
     performing an edit to the decoded portion of the codestream;
     recompressing edited data into coded data; and

> generating a replacement portion for the portion of the codestream by making size of the replacement portion equal to size of the portion of the codestream by adding padding to the replacement tile if the replacement tile is smaller than the portion of the codestream; and
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> quantizing the replacement tile to fit within the size of the portion of the codestream if the replacement tile is larger than the portion of the codestream.

(Emphasis added)

It is respectfully submitted that Marcellin fails to disclose or suggest the limitations of generating a replacement portion for the portion of the codestream by making size of the replacement portion equal to size of the portion of the codestream by adding padding to the replacement tile if the replacement tile is smaller than the portion of the codestream and quantizing the replacement tile to fit within the size of the portion of the codestream if the replacement tile is larger than the portion of the codestream. It is respectfully submitted that the above limitations are also absent from Larsson. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 is patentable over Marcellin in view of Larsson.

Similarly, independent claims 7-9 and 16-17 include limitations similar to those recited in independent claim 1. Thus, for the reasons similar to those discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 7-9 are patentable over the cited references.

Given that dependent claims 2-6, 10-15, and 22-32 depend from one of the above independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-6, 10-15, and 22-32 are patentable over the cited references. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully submitted.
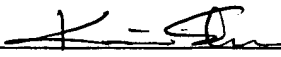
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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